Establish Reward Offer in Murder of Jason Kennedy

On July 31, 2013 at approximately 8:35 p.m., at the intersection of 108th Street and Western Avenue, 32-year old Jason Kennedy was shot and killed. Witnesses first observed a dark colored vehicle traveling south on Western Avenue and subsequently stop in the street. Several of the vehicle's occupants then exited the vehicle and opened fire on several men who were walking on the sidewalk, including Jason, who was struck by the gunfire. The suspects then fled in their vehicle. The other individuals who were fired upon fled the scene and have not made themselves known to law enforcement. It is unclear if Jason was target of the attack and law enforcement officials believe that he may have been an innocent passerby - a victim of mistaken identity.

Jason's untimely death has been very difficult for his family, friends and the entire community. Jason is described as a generous and kind young man who was known for helping people, especially his elders. He had a promising future in the construction business. Jason grew up in the area of this senseless crime and his house was just

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steps away from where the gunfire occurred.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Sheriff) detectives believe that

there are witnesses in the neighborhood that may have seen the suspects leave the

area. Any individuals with information about this heinous crime are urged to contact the

Sheriff's Homicide Bureau or Crime Stoppers. Detectives believe that a reward offer

would be helpful in solving this crime, thus bringing some sense of closure and justice to

Jason Kennedy's family and friends.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Establish the offer of a reward in the amount of \$10,000 in exchange for

information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the

murder of 32-year old Jason Kennedy, who was shot and killed on July 31, 2013 at

approximately 8:35 p.m., at the intersection of 108th Street and Western Avenue in the

unincorporated area of Los Angeles County.

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